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Canandaigua VA Medical Center

400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424

NEWS RELEASE

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PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT THE CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE U.S. DEPT. OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), in accordance with 38 U.S.C. Section 8161, et seq., hereby provides notice of a public hearing to present VA's proposal and receive views for an Enhanced-Use Lease of certain property at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center in Canandaigua NY. VA now wishes to enter into a long-term lease (up to 75 years) for a building (i.e., Building 14) on approximately 3 acres for possible proposed uses such as the development and operation of programs such as transitional housing for homeless veterans, veteran's shelter, single room occupancy apartments for working veterans, and family reintegration with homeless veterans and their children.

HEARING DATE AND TIME:

Thursday, February 26, 2009, 7:00 PM.

HEARING LOCATION:

Auditorium, Building 5, VA Medical Center, 400 Fort Hill Avenue Canandaigua, New York

<u>IDENTIFICATION OF PROPERTY TO BE LEASED:</u> The Canandaigua VA Medical Center is a campus healthcare facility that provides community living center care (nursing home care), domiciliary and mental health residential rehabilitation inpatient services along with primary and specialty care ambulatory (outpatient) services. VAMC Canandaigua is authorized 138 community living center

care beds, 25 domiciliary beds, 25 homeless domiciliary beds and 30 mental health residential rehabilitation beds.

The VA seeks to competitively select a developer to lease one building (i.e., Building 14) comprising approximately 23,000 square feet and approximately 3 acres associated with the building. The property to be leased is along the southern property boundary on East Street.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED USE OF THE PROPERTY: The possible proposed uses for the VAMC property is for the development and operation of programs such as transitional housing for homeless veterans, veteran's shelter, single room occupancy apartments for working veterans, and family reintegration with homeless veterans and their children.

<u>DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED LEASE:</u> Using VA's Enhanced-Use Leasing authority, VA plans to lease the site to a selected lessee for a term of up to 75 years. The Enhanced-Use lessee will be required to finance, design, develop, construct, equip, furnish, operate, and maintain the facility in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and local laws, codes, and requirements. In return for the Enhanced-Use Lease, the developer will be required to provide VA with "fair consideration" as determined by the Secretary, which is to be in the form of negotiated cash and/or "in-kind" consideration. At the end of the lease term, the leased property and the underlying improvements will revert to VA.

The public is invited to attend the hearing and are encouraged to submit comments on the proposed enhanced-use lease project in writing prior to the hearing to:

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